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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on May 11, 2001; February 19, 2003; April 21, 2003; and October 12, 2004; Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Notice of Reason for Rejection, dated April 5, 2005, for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-043782, to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-258172; and
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,995,140.

The category of relevance, claims to which relevant and the pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,995,140 was previously cited for the present application in the Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted on October 12, 2004.

Additionally, Applicants certify that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-

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258172 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign

application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure

Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material. in

accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement

under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,140 is not enclosed herewith.

However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cited the above materials.

Copies of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-258172 and an English language

abstract are attached hereto, and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached

hereto. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection and an English language

translation thereof are also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the

appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to

Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm

consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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